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Mr Amos A. Phelps

Andover

Massachusetts

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R. R. Gentry  
Washington  
April 26. 1848.



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Thursday

The whole Union would experience  
a Revolution in its favour, & the  
resources of the Federal Government  
be applied to ~~conduct~~ it forward  
to a glorious consummation. For  
agencies in the South, perhaps Southern  
men are to be preferred; but cannot  
Andover furnish those for the  
Northern & Middle States?

Permit me to make a simple  
suggestion. Nothing is more  
important to us at this moment,  
than to secure a disposition among  
the clergy & churches of every sect,  
to take up collections for us, on  
or about the Fourth of July next.  
May cannot the young gentlemen  
at Andover do much to aid this  
great object, throughout New England?

Do me the favour, my Dear Sir,  
to write me frequently, & believe me  
Mr Amos A Phelps. Me with perfect respect remain  
yours R R Hurlay

suggested, yet other benefits, may result  
from your communication. I rejoice  
to learn that your thoughts are  
directed to the interesting & affecting  
considerations, connected with  
the degradation & wretchedness of  
the Africans, & confident I am,  
that they will lose none of their  
force by reflecting upon them. Indeed  
I cannot but hope, that not only  
yourself, but many other young Gentlemen  
at Andover, will solemnly inquire  
what can most effectually be done  
towards advancing the cause of  
our Institution & stand prepared  
to accomplish it. If Twenty four  
young men of talent & energy  
could be found, who would make  
themselves acquainted with the  
merits of this cause, & devote one  
or two years to its promotion,  
each occupying a simple state,

Office of the Col Society  
Washington  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 1828

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 15<sup>th</sup> of January  
was duly & thankfully received, and  
it is proper at this late day, to  
state the reasons why it has been,  
apparently, so long neglected. The  
truth is, your letter arrived just about  
the time of our Annual Meeting,  
(with the affairs of which, my own  
attention was peculiarly occupied,) &  
as usual was referred to a  
Committee, whose duty it is, to  
consider all applications for Agencies.  
This Committee aware that we had  
already an Agent in Maine,  
declined reporting on the subject,  
& until a few days ago, the letter  
remained unnoticed in their  
hands.

Though your friendly proposition  
has not been met in the way you